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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Sir:

This application was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 28, 2003, approximately 21 months prior to the date of this letter. To date, no action on the merits has been received. The purpose of this communication is to inquire as to the status of the above-identified application. Please contact the undersigned by mail, or by telephone at the number set out below with regard to the approximate date a first official action will be sent.

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